

Subject: Alexander the Oracle-Monger--
medals of (the False Prophet)

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Mr. Howland Wood,
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My dear Mr. Wood,

The medals struck in honor of Alexander the Miracle Monger were fairly numerous. I have seen a reproduction in some book concerning Lucian which I cannot now recall. I was told that there were several original coins at the British Museum. Doubtless as you have all the important coin catalogues, you would be able to run it down. What I hope is that among these references there will be an indication of a printed illustration of the coin.

As I have no hope of finding an original in this country, such illustration or facsimile is all that I need.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Jastrow

February 6, 1934.

Mr. Joseph Jastrow
143 E. 49th Street
New York City.

Dear Mr. Jastrow:

I have been looking up the subject again of Alexander the Miracle Monger. There were certain pieces struck privately years later as tokens or souvenirs showing the head of Alexander, for the most part with the lion's scalp. As yet I have not been able to get a line illustration but have got several photogravures. If you should come up here to the library you might be able to pick out something that you would like. Unfortunately the man that is probably conversant with these is away. The next time he comes up I will ask him if he can remember any good line drawing.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 14, 1934.

Mr. Joseph Jastrow
143 E. 49th St.
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have just located an old book with a cut suitable for line drawings showing various medals of Alexander. The book was published in 1722. Most of the illustrations of Alexander show him wearing the lion's scalp. If one of these would do I would rather have you pick it out.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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